



Face of Fillmore

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With virtual and other non-traditional graduations taking place, our thoughts continue on with hopes of schools reopening in the fall.

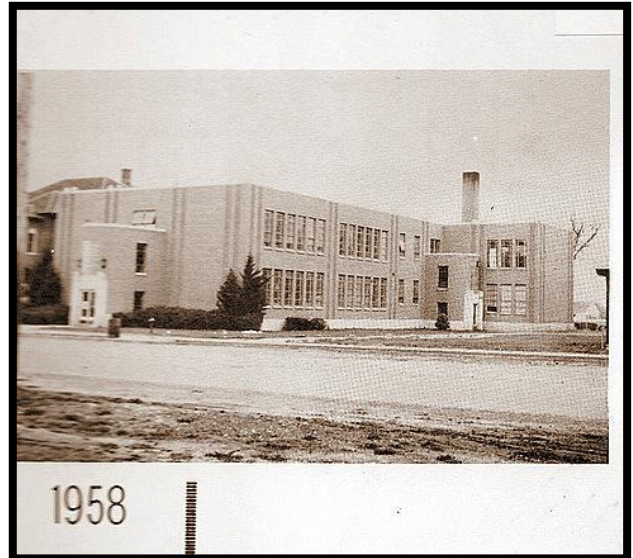
In looking back at the history of schools in the Face of Fillmore, we find that 52 years ago an interesting, innovative project was underway. An old newspaper story helps describe what was happening.

“Work is progressing rapidly on the new Fillmore Pod school building. The merry-go-round shaped structure, including building and a multitude of tunnels will have 8950 square feet of space when it is completed. It will include a lunchroom and multiple purpose room. The tunnel work and some of the footings for the administration building also will be completed. This part will be built later in the same pod design.”

Obviously, the administrative building was never constructed.

The pod was built at a cost of \$220,057 which the district felt was a very reasonable price considering the uniqueness of the building, “the remoteness of the building and the considerable mechanical and electrical entities included.”

The building has been used for this half-century for purposes beyond what it was originally planned. It did serve as a lunchroom and multipurpose building for Fillmore Elementary School and then went on to serve in the community well in a variety of ways. It was for years home to the National ATV Jamboree, art shows, gun shows, weddings, family gatherings of all sorts, roller skating and even the



Old Fillmore Elementary School



Construction begins on the Pod

site of the inaugural banquet when Jon Huntsman Jr. became governor years ago.

Today the building is part of the Territorial Statehouse State Park and once again under major renovations. It is scheduled to be completed by the first of June. It will have windows and glass doors so there will be more natural lighting. The restrooms will be refinished and will include new showers. The entire building will get a new coat of paint and new flooring has been added. Stop by when it opens and take a look.



Pod building – far left



2020 renovations to the Pod